

Addresses by Rev. E. C. Cady, J. E. Hopper, Rev. W. H. Beckwith, and W. A. Coleman.
Report adopted.

Committee on Union Society submitted their Report:—

That this Society if thoroughly worked is one of the most effective ways in which all the objects of denominational interest requiring pecuniary aid may receive a measure of support; and it is to be feared that if this means of raising supplies be set aside or suffered to decline, there are benevolent enterprises which will be entirely overlooked. In order, however, to render this method of raising supplies at all commensurate with the claims of each object, a much larger sum ought to be contributed than has ever yet been realized. Only seventeen hundred dollars were raised last year, whereas more than twice that amount was called for at the last Association. If a suitable agent could be found to spread information, remove objections and misconceptions, and act as a general overseer and adviser in the Mission field, your Committee think it would be the wisest course that could be adopted to make such an appointment for the resuscitation of the Society.

All which is respectfully submitted,

C. SPURDEN, Chairman.

Address by Rev. O. Spurden, D. D.
Report adopted.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported:—

Your Committee are fully of the opinion that the Sunday School is one of the most highly distinguished and honored instrumentalities by which the youth of our country are becoming acquainted with the plan of salvation and prepared for greater usefulness in the Christian Church, and as a system of efficient religious instruction it should receive a more prominent notice in our Annual Associations than it has in the past. Its holy and benign influence and wonderful reformatory power has been forcibly illustrated in the reply of an extensive manufacturer who employed a large number of the children of the neighborhood. A Sunday School Missionary asked him whether he perceived any alteration in the poor children he employed since the establishment of the Sunday School in the village. He said he the change could not have been more extraordinary in my opinion had they been transformed from the shape of wolves and tigers to that of men.

Your Committee exceedingly regret that no action has yet been taken by our denomination for the organization of a Sunday School Convention, and would again urge this important matter upon your consideration, and the appointment of a Committee of at least five men, well acquainted with the working of Sabbath Schools, pledged to perform the duties assigned them by this Association relative to a Convention, and report at our next annual gathering.

B. FRANKLIN RATTRAY, Chairman.

Addresses by Rev. W. A. Coleman and B. F. Rattray.
Report adopted.

Resolved—That Revs. B. F. Rattray, W. H. Beckwith, Prof. J. E. Hopper, and J. M. Jonah, M. D., be a Committee to carry into effect the above recommendation.